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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of all foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Since this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, copies of US references are not enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were sited in an International Search Report, enclosed

herewith. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references are required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

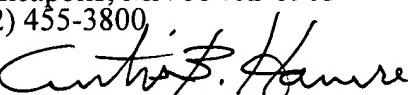
English abstracts are provided for JP 7-255706, JP 2000-116629, and JP 7-51251. US 6,071,251 corresponds to JP 2001-346781. US 5,891,053 corresponds to JP 8-317918.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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FORM 1449* <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>			Docket Number: 10921.319USWO	Application Number: Unknown
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6 071 251	6 June 2000	CUNNINGHAM et al.			
	5 891 053	6 April 1999	SESEKURA			

<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
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	JP 2001-346781	18 Dec. 2001	Japan			US 6 071 251
	JP 8-317918	3 Dec. 1996	Japan			US 5 891 053
	JP 2572823	13 March 1998	Japan			X
	JP 7-255706	9 Oct. 1995	Japan			Abstract
	JP 2000-116629	25 April 2000	Japan			Abstract
	JP 7-51251	28 Feb. 1995	Japan			abstract

<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						

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